Mr. A. B. SALEM.

What I understand from the supplementary question is that the member wishes to know the reasons that made the Government think it advisable not to invite applications?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The answer to question 10 meets that point.

President.—Both these questions relate to the Police Commissioner. Is it not?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The Government wanted a British Police Officer to bring the administration of the Police Department into line with the present system of the Police administration obtaining in British India. We did not advertise for a British Officer. We asked the British Government to select a man.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

My supplementary question is with regard to the selection of the Deputy Superintendent and the Probationary Division Inspectors.

President.—I think we missed the point. So I beg your pardon. Mr. Damodara Menon will be able to enlighten you on the matter.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There were no suitable young graduates for selection.

Work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

12. (a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee for the improvement of the language, the help rendered to authors by way of purchasing their works and the use made by them of such works?

(b) What became of the efforts of the Committee to write a Malayalam Dictionary?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) A summary of the work done for the last six years is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix II*).

(b) The work was not pursued.

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Committees appointed in the last six years.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

25. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list containing the names of the Committees appointed or approved by the Government in the last 6 years and also the names of the members forming the Committees?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

A list is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix V*).

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 6*).

Letter dated 17th Dhanu 1098 from the Vice-President, Shashtipurthi (1088) Memorial Committee.

The statue of His Highness the Ex-Raja has arrived at Ernakulam and the pedestal for the same is now under construction, and will be ready shortly. It is the desire of my Committee to have the statue erected right in front of the central block of the Public Offices at Ernakulam in the centre of an oval shaped garden about 150 ft. by 100, surrounded by dwarf walls with ornamental iron railings. A rough sketch of the site is herewith forwarded. The Committee wishes to have the work of the garden and its enclosure completed by the time the pedestal is ready.

2. I am desired by my Committee to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the erection of the statue in the site and in the manner above suggested. This arrangement will slightly interfere with the College race course, which will have to be moved a little to the north. This can however be done without any inconvenience.

3. It is the intention of the Committee to request the Ernakulam Municipality to take charge of the statue and the garden after the unveiling of the former. The Committee will invest a sufficient sum of money in Government securities to enable the Municipality to maintain the garden in good condition.

APPENDIX II.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 12*).

Statement of the work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

I. Publication of books :—The following books have been published.

1. Japan (original prose work)
2. Chandrahasan (original drama)
3. Utharaswayamvaram Kathakali
4. Krimiravadham do
5. Kaiakeyavadham Tullal
6. Chanakya Sutram Kilippattu

} classics edited with critical introductions and annotations.

7. Bhagavatam 24 Vrittams—First published with introduction and notes after collating manuscripts and an old partly printed version.
8. Gouri Charitam—Champu (From palm leaf manuscripts)

A few of the above publications have been in use as Text-books in schools or Colleges.

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In addition to the above the Committee has in hand ready for the Press the following books :—

1. രാമായണം 24 വൃത്തം
2. നാടകാവയം കഥകളി
3. വ്യാസഭാരതം കഥകളി
4. ദക്ഷയാഗം കഥകളി
5. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ കഥകളി

} with critical preface and short notes.

6. നാരായണീയം സുന്ദരകാണ്ഡപാന പ്പാട്ട്
7. രാമായണം ഉപന്യാസങ്ങൾ.

II. Preparation and publication of Text-books.

Under orders from Government, the Committee also got ready the following set of Text-books and published them for use in the schools of the State:—

Malayalam Text	Poetry for Form	VI	A Group
Do.	Prose and Poetry	VI	C Group
Do.	Poetry	V	A Group
Do.	Prose and Poetry	V	C Group
Do	do	IV	

Besides, the manuscripts of the following series of Readers have been got ready and they are being seen through the Press.

Malayalam Reader for Form		III
Do.		II
Do.		I
Do.	Class	IV
Do.		III
Do.		II
Do.		I

III. From time to time, the Committee has been receiving literary publications for opinion, remarks or pecuniary aid either directly from the authors themselves or through the Government. A list of the same is hereto appended.

IV. Old palm leaf manuscripts contained in the Eduvaippu and other places have been examined and detailed notes taken with a view to publishing the useful ones among them as far as funds permit.

V. With a view to starting a model Library the Committee has made a collection of all standard works in Malayalam, but the scheme could not yet be fully carried out for want of accommodation.

The help rendered to authors by way of purchasing their works is indicated below:—

1. നാടകപ്രവേശിക	by Mr. Hari Sarma
2. മോഷശാസ്ത്രം	by Mr. Sebastian
3. കാവ്യവിചാരം	by Mr. Kesavan Nayar
4. കാരസംഗ്രഹം	by Mr. K. Narayana Menon
5. ശ്രീമഹാഭാഗവതം	by Kavi Sarvabhauman Kodungallur Kochunni Tampuran
6. Malayalam Nighandu	by Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai
7. ജയന്തിനിശാലക്ഷണം	by the poet late Kathollil Achyuta Menon
8. സ്കന്ദമഹാപുരാണം	by Mr. Oduvil Sankarankutti Menon

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Under Government Orders, some of the above books have been distributed among High Schools and public Libraries.

The Dictionary work was stopped under Government Orders, D. P., C. No. 1519/95, dated 19th July 1920.

VI. Besides, the Committee in its early days also helped authors with loans for literary work for example Rs. 300 to Mr. Oduvil Sankarankutti Menon.

Appended List.

III. Books received for remarks.

1. കുമാരസംഭവം & ദൂതഘടോത്കചം
by Mr. K. Narayana Menon
2. Malayalam texts for schools; Readers Nos. 5, 6 and 7 and Primer
by Mr. T. Parameswara Menon
3. പഞ്ചതന്ത്രം കഥകൾ
by Mr. E. Gopala Menon
4. ഗദ്യപദ്യവിചാരം
by Mr. T. Parameswara Menon
5. പാണ്ഡവന്മാർ
by Mr. Melangat Achyuta Menon
6. Four Text Books by Mr. M. K. Gopala Menon (Readers 1—4)
7. മനസ്സുതപം
by Mr. K. A. Swaminatha Ayyar
8. ശരീരശാസ്ത്രം
Mangalodayam Co.
9. The Tribes and Castes in Cochin by Mr. K. Parameswara Kurup
10. മൂലരായണീയം
11. കൃഷ്ണഗാഥ
12. ദമയന്തീചരിതം
by Mr. C. Krishnan Elayadom
13. സാഹിത്യചിന്താമണി
by Mr. Peelo Paul
14. ശ്രീതുഞ്ചത്താചാര്യ സ്വാമിഗ്രന്ഥം കമ്മറിയുടെ അപേക്ഷ
15. മൃഗമിനിയത്തശാസ്ത്രം
by Mr. K. Raman Menon
16. വാമന മഹാപുരാണം
by Mr. K. S. Raman Menon
17. കമ്പരാമായണം
by Mr. Kunjirama Menon
18. മലയാളഭാഷാചരിത്രസംഗ്രഹം
19. ഭാഗവതം (Kochunni Tampuran)
20. ശബ്ദതാരാവലി (Nikhandu)
21. പഞ്ചരാത്രം
by Mr. V. Narayana Menon
22. കൃഷ്ണാവതാരം
by Mr. P. Padmanabha Menon

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23. രോഗമന്ത്രം സുഭാഷിതങ്ങൾ
24. സാഹിതീ സമ്മേളനം
(Raja Raja Varma.)

Malayalam Dictionary, Bhagavatam and കേരളപാണിനീയം for distribution.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 15).

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Office of the Director of Education,
Trichur,
18th January 1921.

Circular Memorandum.

The attention of the heads of all schools and Colleges, Sirkar and aided, is drawn to the Regulation to prevent Juvenile Smoking in the State recently passed by Government. They are requested to warn their pupils against using tobacco in any form, as the penal provisions of the Regulation will shortly be enforced.

(Sd). F. S. DAVIES,
Director of Education.

To

The Heads of all schools and Colleges.
Copies to Inspecting Officers.

R. O. C. No. 2774/99.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trichur,
19th October 1923.

Circular.

In spite of the passing of a Regulation to prevent juvenile smoking, it is found that the practice of smoking is on the increase among our boys. It is not an uncommon sight to see boys of tender age going about smoking in the streets and in public places. Even in schools boys are sometimes, caught carrying cigarettes and snuff with them. It seems necessary, therefore, to call the serious attention of teachers and heads of schools and the guardians of pupils to this growing evil and its deleterious effects on the rising generation. Every possible means should be used to stamp out this pernicious habit. More could be achieved, perhaps, by sympathy and persuasion than by threats and punishments. It is desired that a combined effort should be made by the staffs of schools and the guardians of pupils to discover the extent of the evil and to take effective measures for its suppression. Inspecting Officers are expected to pay particular attention to this matter and to enquire and report on it in the course of their visits and inspections of schools.

(Sd). C. MATTHAI,
Director.

To

The Heads of schools.
Inspecting Officers.
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